

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RICHFIELD JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT TO SUBMIT A CLEAN OHIO GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE AND PROTECTION OF THE SUMMIT HEADWATERS DIVIDE PROJECT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for conservation purposes through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program (“Clean Ohio”); and

WHEREAS, the Richfield Joint Recreation District desires financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Program for the purchase and protection of approximately 125 acres of ecological, historical, and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Richfield Joint Recreation District intends to fulfill Clean Ohio’s objectives of the preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors with this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is located entirely in Summit County and situated in Richfield Township, north of Ohio State Route 303 and east of Oviatt Road to Broadview Road (Ohio State Route 176) ; and

WHEREAS, preservation of this parcel will protect the property’s natural resources, which comprise several streams, a waterfall, mature forest area, and wetlands that provide a habitat for diverse plant and animal species including rare orchids, wild turkey, belted kingfisher, several varieties of ferns; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of this habitat will help to protect and maintain ground water supplies and water quality within the east branch of the Rocky River watershed; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this property with Clean Ohio funds will ensure that it is preserved in perpetuity and protected for the passive recreational enjoyment for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Richfield Joint Recreation District:

Section 1. Approval of Application for Assistance. That the Richfield Joint Recreation District approves filing an application for financial assistance.

Section 2. Authorization to File Application with Ohio Public Works Commission. That the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Public Works Commission for Clean Ohio Conservation Program Funds and is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Section 3. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

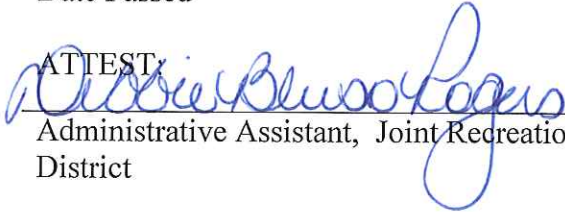
Section 4. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

12-1-14

Date Passed

ATTEST:



Administrative Assistant, Joint Recreation
District



Chairperson, Richfield Joint Recreation District



Secretary, Richfield Joint Recreation District